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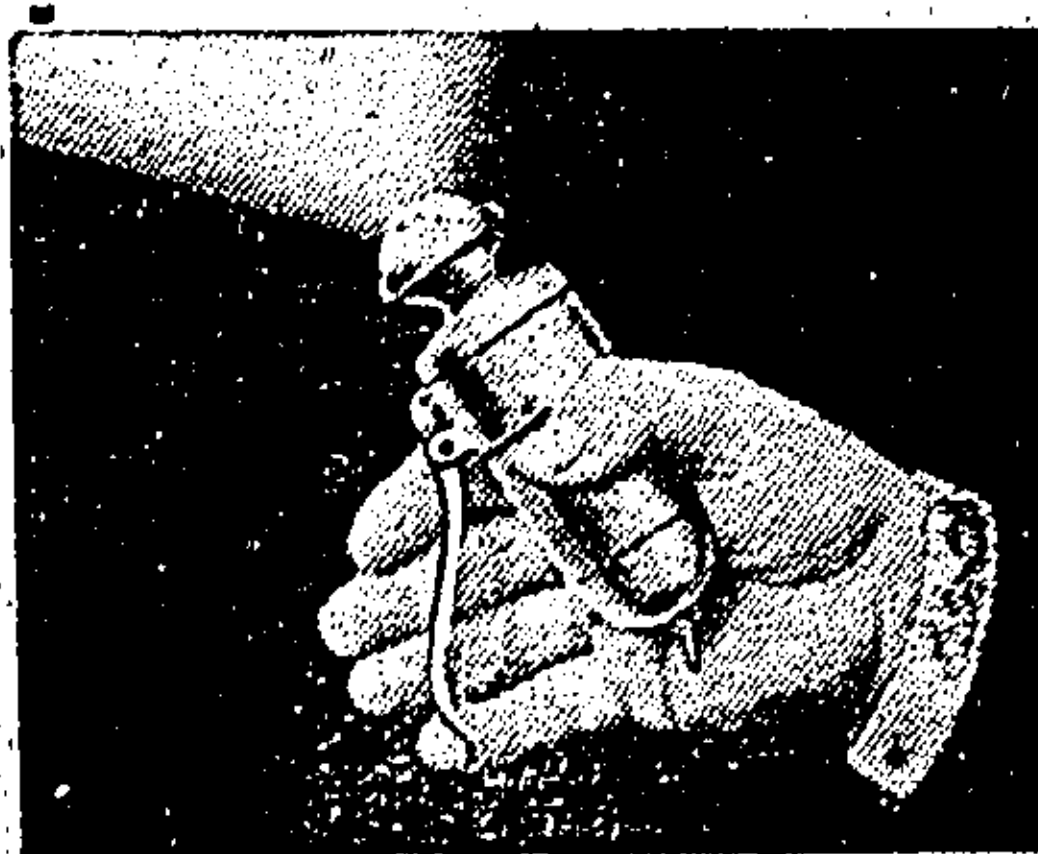
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CORRESPONDENCE. "WEIHAWEI AND TSINGTAU."

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Under the above caption *The Hongkong Daily Press* of the 27th ult. has an interesting leading article in which the writer asserts, "when one calls to mind the speed with which the much bigger undertaking of the retrocession of Kiaochow was carried into effect, it does seem surprising that the leisurely negotiations in the case of Weihaiwei have not excited already a good deal of critical comment in Japan."

It would seem, Sir, that there is much misapprehension as to what really has occurred at Tsingtau. It is true that the Japanese forces have been withdrawn to the town by local bandits, now busily engaged in the equally honourable occupation of "protecting" the place as its police men! But the "speed" with which the Tsingtau negotiations were carried through is largely due to the fact that two important questions have been reserved for settlement by the diplomats of the two Governments, questions of the extreme importance to private interests. They are: (1), "adequate representation of foreign interests in municipal affairs"; (2), "due safeguarding of foreign property rights." (The quotations are from Lord Balfour's note of February 19th, 1922, to Mr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Delegate at the Washington Conference.)

That note contained a further stipulation, "some intimation of the willingness of the Chinese Government to grant facilities for the linking up of Weihaiwei with the hinterland by railway," and, Lord Balfour added, "These and other similar matters, such as the precise nature of the port, will naturally have to be adjusted by mutual consent."

During the British occupation the trade of Weihaiwei has grown from £30,000 to £1,250,000, approximately. This remarkable increase is due in part to the fact that British administration is a guarantee of almost perfect security of person and property, and honest and efficient government. But it is also due to the equally important fact that Weihaiwei under the British flag has been, like Hongkong, a free port. Placed, as it is, at the extreme end of the Shantung Promontory, in a mountainous and unproductive district, it will readily be admitted by those disposed to exercise a little commonsense that the geographical situation of the port is decidedly unfavourable. It should also be obvious to the unbiased mind that, in open competition with the old-established Treaty Port, Chefoo, on the one side, and with Tsingtau and its railway on the other, both nearer the producing centres of the interior, Weihaiwei will be hopelessly handicapped, for though the precise nature of the port "has yet to be defined," it will certainly cease to be a free port. Hence the extreme importance of Lord Balfour's suggestion of a link with the hinterland—some capital expenditure that will save the port from decay and disaster.

Unlike the Japanese, the British Government has decided that these "matters of detail" must be settled "before the transfer can be effected"; and, under the circumstances, it is improbable that "critical comment" will be provoked in responsible quarters in Japan, or in America—certainly not among the diplomats—over the long delay in the fulfilment of the public promise regarding Weihaiwei given by Lord Balfour at Washington on February 19th, 1922.

To those who are familiar with the circumstances it should be apparent that the problem set the joint Retrocession Commission is extremely difficult and complicated. To many it will seem that there is no satisfactory solution, and that to search, in the present disordered state of China, for a formula that will satisfy all parties concerned is to follow a Will-o'-the-wisp. On the one hand you have the insistent demand that there shall be restoration to the "complete sovereignty" of China, and there is no question that some of the stipulations of Lord Balfour's note conflict with "sovereignty." As the *Peking and Tientsin Times* (February 13th) puts it, "We do not think that anyone familiar with the situation on the spot would ever have put forward such stipulations." On the other hand you have the determination of our authorities to secure adequate protection of foreign interests—the more necessary, since Government has formally repudiated liability to pay compensation for losses that may follow its action. The people who, in reliance on official assurances, settled under the protection of their flag at Weihaiwei, cannot, in honour, or in justice, be left in the lurch; and, as the *Tientsin Times* states, "These residents' look to the British Government either to guarantee them the continuance of those privileges which attracted them to Weihaiwei, or to grant or procure them adequate compensation for the loss of a legitimate means of livelihood."

At Washington Lord Balfour stated that Britain would surrender her leasehold "under like suitable conditions" as "the rest of the Province of Shantung." The Japanese, with commendable astuteness, have postponed the discussion on two points of vital importance to private interests; and will await the decisions of the Anglo-Chinese Commission. Obviously the demand will be for "like suitable conditions" for Tsingtau! Further, the question of "adequate representation of foreign interests in municipal affairs" has remained unsettled for five years in the ex-Russian and ex-Enemy Concessions at Tientsin and Hankow and foreigners with property in them have every justification for refusing to pay rates and taxes till the question is settled satisfactorily.

For one reason or another, it would seem, neither of the two Governments

negotiating the retrocession of Weihaiwei can afford to be generous. In fact, generosity in this international deal is conspicuous by its absence, and each side has been sticking out for its pound of flesh.

From all this it will be seen that the negotiations have been prolonged because highly important interests are at stake; because the problem is exceedingly complex and new precedents are being established.

The man-in-the-street will readily admit that, Washington, where East met West in conference, is the *fons et origo* of all our troubles, and that there the diplomats of the world were guilty of a serious error of judgment. That Conference admitted in principle that China had outgrown the swaddling clothes imposed on her by the western Powers; that the time had arrived to consider the question of the abolition of the foreigner's special rights and privileges. Recent events have shown how grievous has been that error, and our friend in the street will probably discover that even American statesmen will agree with him in thinking that it will be time enough to consider the demands of the Chinese diplomat and that abnormal individual, the pro-Chinese foreigner—the abolition of extraterritoriality and "concessions"; the abandonment of foreign-controlled police and volunteer forces; the withdrawal of legation guards and other military forces, etc., when China has put her house in order.

However this may be, the British delegation to the Conference announced in reference to Weihaiwei, "that it would be willing to consider restoration if this course would in any way contribute towards an agreement between China and Japan." (The quotation is from *The China Year Book*.) Having made the public promise England will, of course, have to keep it. But will the fulfilment thereof lead to British subjects incurring loss. Surely the obvious answer is in the affirmative.

There is high authority for asserting that we should "suffer fools gladly," but really, Sir, some of the arguments put forward by apologists for the unprecedented official attitude towards private interests would try the patience of a Job. Circumstances compel our prophet of smooth things to be busy and he is hard pressed for plausible excuses. One of the most puerile takes the form, "You people have nothing to grumble about; when all is said and done, you will be no worse off than other British subjects in the smaller Treaty Ports like Chefoo." It is difficult to get him to see that it is precisely because Weihaiwei is not a Treaty Port, but a free port; precisely because, it was territory under the British and not the Chinese flag, that certain British subjects settled here 30 odd years ago, and that it is for this reason that local petitioners have been contending that, in principle, on moral, if not on legal grounds, they are entitled to adequate compensation for probable losses, due to Government action.

With your permission, Sir, I should like to state a parallel case. Let us assume that, in the existing chaotic condition of the country, it was suddenly proposed, for diplomatic reasons, to abolish the British concessions at Shanghai and Tientsin, to restore them to the "complete sovereignty of China." Britons who have settled in these places would, of course, be no worse off than others "in the smaller Treaty Ports." What a shout would rend the welkin! Surely the reverberations thereof would penetrate even the quiet precincts of Whitehall and Downing Street and other retreats for the somnolent.—I am, etc.,

WEIHAWEI, July 20th, 1933.

"INCOME TAX IN CROWN COLONIES"

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—It is understood from the leading article in to-day's *Daily Press* that there is no proposal on the *tapie* for introducing income tax into this Colony, but it may be as well to place it on record, in case it is not generally known, that members of the Services and those employed in the Naval Dockyard, etc., already pay income tax to the Imperial Government. The amount is deducted at the source, both on pay and on Colonial allowance, the deduction from the latter being one of the Service grievances.—Yours, etc.,

NAVAYARDSMAN.

Hongkong, July 30th, 1933.

We are indebted to our correspondent for his note. The fact which he mentions has been recognised by the framers of the Model Income Tax Ordinance, to which reference was made in the leading article. As the question is not one of immediate application to Hongkong, we thought it unnecessary to go fully into the details of the Ordinance, and, indeed, considerations of space made it impossible. However, it may be well to state here that Section 8 of the Model Ordinance provides for the exemption from income tax of the following description of income, amongst others:—

- (1) the official emolument received by the officer administering the Government;
- (2) the emoluments payable to members of the permanent consular service of foreign countries in respect of their offices, or in respect of services rendered to them in their official capacity;
- (3) the emoluments payable from Imperial funds to members of H.M. Forces and to persons in the permanent service of the Imperial Government in the Colony; in respect of their offices under the Imperial Government;
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MISS CARD'S BODY
RECOVERED.FOUND DROWNED IN THE
HARBOUR.

The mysterious disappearance of Miss E. A. Card, a resident at the "Kingsclere" Private Hotel, on Friday night, during the typhoon, has been solved. Her body was found in the harbour yesterday morning just before 8 o'clock.

The discovery was made by an employee of Jack A. Tai's, the stove-dress firm. He noticed the body of a European woman, fully clothed, floating in the water underneath the P. and O. pier. As he had had instructions to keep a strict look-out for a lady's body, he immediately reported the matter to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, who, in turn, reported the discovery to the police. The body was taken from the water and sent to the mortuary.

The deceased was fully dressed, and was still wearing the rain coat which the watchman at the "Kingsclere" said she was wearing when she left the hotel at 11.30 p.m. on the Friday night, though the shawl which she had tied round her head on that occasion was missing. It was by means of her clothing and her jewellery that the late Miss Card's friends have been able to identify the body. Her face had been badly battered probably by the body being washed by heavy seas against the sea wall or pier and the features were not recognisable. Rapid decomposition had also made recognition of the body difficult.

A post-mortem examination was held at the Public Mortuary, yesterday morning. We understand the Medical Officer in charge found it difficult to determine whether there were any other subsidiary causes to bring about death in addition to drowning. The body had been so badly battered that it was difficult to say.

It is presumed of course that the severe battering of the body was caused by the heavy seas of the typhoon, the force of the waves would be sufficient to hurl the body against the sea wall or the pilings of the wharves with considerable force.

Interviewed yesterday, Mr. T. H. King, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, said that there was no evidence to show how Miss Card came to get into the water. No evidence could be found to trace her actions after she had left the hotel on the Friday night. The case was a mystery. He added, however, that it had been apparent to those who knew Miss Card that she was suffering from a great mental strain for a week or so before her death, but what was the cause of it he did not know.

Asked if he thought it possible that Miss Card had accidentally fallen into the nullah close to "Kingsclere" and that her body had been carried down to the harbour by the great rush of water in the nullah, Mr. King said that such a thing was possible, but to him it seemed highly improbable.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place in the afternoon, the procession passing the Monument at five o'clock. Almost the complete staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire were in attendance, and the floral tributes were both numerous and beautiful. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Coppley Moyle.

During the day vessels in the Harbour were flying their flags at half-mast as a token of respect. The office flag also was flying at half-mast.

Among those in attendance at the graveside were Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. J. Reid (manager of the Taikoo Dockyard), Mr. K. E. Grey (Chief Engineer of the Taikoo Dockyard), Mr. David Templeton (Taikoo Sugar Refinery), Mr. N. S. Brown and Messrs. C. H. Blason, J. M. McIlutcheon, F. W. James, Mr. and Mrs. Masson, Mr. M. M. Murray, Mr. F. A. Wells, and the office staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Mrs. Droulette of Kingsclere.

Amongst the many who sent wreaths were Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd., members of the Refinery Department, members of the Navigation Department, stovedores of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Jack A. Tai (compradore to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire). There were in addition a large number of private wreaths.

SPORT.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

WATER-POLO—SHIELD
COMPETITION.

The following 10 teams have entered for the Hongkong Water Polo Shield Competition:—R.C.A. (A), R.C.A. (B), Lusitana Recreation Club, United Athletic Club, Kowloon British School, Former Pupils' Association, V.R.C. (A), V.R.C. (B), King's Regt. (A), King's Regt. (B), Royal Army Medical Corps. The management through the courtesy of the Victoria Recreation Club are able to announce that the general public will be given an opportunity of witnessing these matches, and arrangements have been made for the matches to be played in the evenings after dinner, commencing at 8 o'clock. Two matches will be played each evening. A small charge of 20 cents for admission will be made to non-members. The first games in the above competition commences on Friday, the 2nd of August, when the V.R.C. (B) plays the King's Regt. (B) and the R.C.A. (B) plays the V.R.C. (A) team.

To the programme of the Night Fete to-night has been added a Challenge Team Race of six men a side. King's Regiment versus Royal Garrison Artillery.

Entries for the various events are very good and if the weather is favourable, some good racing will be witnessed.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE
EXHIBITION.CHINESE RESTAURANT SCHEME
ABANDONED.

A meeting of the Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce appointed to work in conjunction with the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce regarding the forthcoming British Empire Exhibition was held at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. Mr. Li Po-kwai, the Chairman of the Chamber, presiding. The meeting was fairly well attended, amongst those present being Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. M. K. Lo and the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber (Mr. Ip Lan-chuen).

The Chairman explained that one of the purposes of the meeting was the nomination of Hon. Associate Chinese Commissioners to the British Empire Exhibition. I.E. the Governor had intimated that he was willing to appoint such Commissioners to accompany the Chinese exhibitors and to assist the Exhibition Commissioner (probably the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) to preserve the welfare of those who went from Hongkong to England during the period of the Exhibition. The Chairman suggested the names of Sir Robert Ho Tung and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall for nomination as Hon. Associate Commissioners.

Mr. Kotewall replied that he regretted he was unable to accept the nomination on account of pressure of business in Hongkong. He proceeded to give a résumé of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Committee of the two Chambers of Commerce which is dealing with the local arrangements for the British Empire Exhibition. He said that some little difficulty had arisen on the question of freightage of exhibits from Hongkong to London. The ruling at present appeared to be that a reduction of freight would not be granted on exhibits intended for sale, but on goods sent for exhibition purposes only. Up to the present final advice had not been received on the matter. Mr. Kotewall mentioned that the London Committee of the shops in the proposed Hongkong street which were considered most suitable were 18 feet (frontage) by 22 feet (depth). It was his opinion and that of Mr. T. N. Chau (who, with Mr. Kotewall, is a member of the Joint Committee) that the scheme for a Chinese restaurant at the Exhibition should be withdrawn in view of the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Chinese, and also in view of the possibility that the time required for that part of the scheme to be carried out would interfere with other necessary arrangements. This view had been accepted by the Joint Committee.

As regards the application for exemption from duty on exhibits from Canton, the Hongkong Government had replied to the effect that it could not take up this matter. Mr. Kotewall suggested that the Chinese Chamber should write to the Canton Customs Authorities direct.

Finally, Mr. Kotewall proposed that Mr. Chow Shou-sen be nominated, with Sir Robert Ho Tung, as Hon. Assistant Chinese Commissioner.

This proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.

Some discussion followed as to the effect likely to be caused by the attitude of the Shipping Conference with regard to the application for reduced freight on exhibits, and several members expressed the opinion that if a distinction were drawn between exhibits for sale and exhibits for display, Chinese support would be likely to be affected.

It was decided to defer further discussion on the matter until further information was received.

The Secretary of the Chinese Chamber announced that a great number of applications had been received for shops and probably 20 could be utilised if obtainable.

This concluded the business.

HARBOUR OFFICE FOR
SHAUKIWAN.NEW BUILDING TO DEAL WITH
NATIVE CRAFT.

As a portion of the Harbour Master's scheme for the complete re-organization of his department, a subordinate Harbour Office is to be opened at Shauiwan to-morrow. The office is situated in a new building, situated in front of the Shauiwan Police Station. This office is found necessary owing to the great increase of work concerned with native craft in the Harbour. A junk inspector will be placed in charge, and the work will consist of issuing licenses for junks and cargo boats, and giving permits to cargo boats for entering and leaving the Harbour. Native craft have for long provided a vast amount of work for the Harbour Office, and at last it has been found impossible to carry on simply with a subordinate office situated in the central buildings. Of late native craft within the Harbour have been steadily increasing, and the amount of work entailed in licensing these boats, keeping tally on each boat, and knowing where any craft is to be found if required within a few hours' notice, has been immense. The new office will also be of great advantage to native boatmen, a very large percentage of whom have their headquarters within the Shauiwan district. Some idea of the number of small craft plying for hire within the Harbour will be gained when it is known that in the Shauiwan district alone 2,600 licenses have been issued annually during the past few years to native boatmen. There will still be a junk inspector's office in the central buildings, but his department will be relieved of all work connected with Shauiwan.

THE TYPHOON SHELTERS.

FOUR VESSELS WRECKED.

ARE THEY SAFE?

During the recent typhoon weather a moderate sized steam launch, a large fishing junk, a trading junk, and a harbour cargo boat were all sunk within the typhoon shelters at Yau-mati and Causeway Bay. Enquiries made by a *Daily Press* representative go to show that in each case the wreck was by no means the fault of the master of the vessel, but was entirely due to the roughness of the water within the shelters. Our representative was informed by a responsible official whose duties bring him in close touch with the shelters, that the state of affairs whereby craft could be sunk in a shelter built ostensibly to protect them from the elements is not irretrievable. He pointed out that accidents such as these could not be anticipated when one considered that the shelters were themselves built in a landlocked harbour. But in this particular case tide and winds were all set in such a way that the Yau-mati shelter especially was very insecure. The mouth of this shelter acts in a direct South-South-Westerly direction, and as a natural consequence when typhoon winds come from that direction the seas simply roll into the shelter unimpeded. As is well known, the weather did set in that direction last week-end. Questioned as to the remedy, the official stated that had a breakwater been erected across the mouth of the Yau-mati shelter the force of the seas would have been broken, and it is extremely unlikely the wrecks would have occurred. He added that there was apparently nothing which would make the construction of such a breakwater impossible. He also advocated the building of a breakwater across the mouth of the Causeway Bay shelter. This bay also is largely at the mercy of wind and tide when the winds set in a certain direction, and although not so unprotected as the Yau-mati shelter during the last typhoon, it was still greatly exposed.

THE WRECK.

The steam launch sunk was the *Fai On*, an account of the disaster to which has already appeared in these columns. The *Fai On* met with her fate on Friday, in the Yau-mati shelter. According to the master of the launch his craft was lying anchored inside the shelter opposite the Kai Ping coalyard. A strong tide was running, and this, with the aid of high winds, resulted in the snapping of his anchor chain. The boat was helpless, and the seas simply dashed her up against the iron pier belonging to the coalyard. Her sides were partly stove in and she filled with water and sank. Fortunately, the crew managed to scramble ashore and no lives were lost, neither was anyone injured.

The cargo boat was also sunk in the Yau-mati shelter. The master states that his boat was moored against the Paga wall at Mongkok. He had on board a cargo of 80 tons of coal, the property of Messrs. Thos. Young & Company. His boat was in between a number of other craft of a similar kind, and all were subjected to heavy seas which came right through the mouth of the bay from the harbour. His craft was dashed up against the rest of the boats, and, by reason of her cargo, suffered heavily. Her sides were largely stove in, and she, also, filled with water and sank. No lives were lost and nobody was injured.

The Yau-mati shelter again, was the scene of the fishing junk's end. The latter was a particularly large boat of its class. She was simply the victim of waves and seas, and was made a complete wreck. The fact that she was not dashed against rocks, piers, or any other vessel makes the wreck all the more amazing. That seas within the bounds of a typhoon shelter—and that shelter built within a landlocked harbour—should possess the power to wreck a large fishing junk would appear almost unbelievable. However, the fact remains.

The trading junk came to grief in Causeway Bay. Her end was similar to that of the last mentioned junk, and she sank solely owing to the force of wind and waves.

It may be added that the steam launch *Fai On* was raised yesterday.

TYPHOON NEWS.

S.S. "HONAM" SLIGHTLY
DAMAGED.

The s.s. *Honam*, belonging to the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., was slightly damaged as a result of the typhoon on Friday. She left Canton for Hongkong on the evening of the typhoon and on coming out of the river into the open encountered very heavy seas, many of the waves being between 30 and 40 feet in height. The Captain considered it too dangerous to continue the journey, so he turned the vessel about and, after steaming some distance up the river, anchored for the night. On the following morning she steamed into Canton. During the storm the vessel was slightly damaged, several deck planks being lifted. One of the paddle boxes was also damaged, several pieces of the top boarding being carried away. The damage was not sufficient to prevent the vessel from running. She made the trip to Hongkong on the Saturday, and also the return trip to Canton the same evening, returning to Hongkong yesterday afternoon, when the Captain called at the office of the Company and reported the slight damage done to the vessel.

THE WATER METER SYSTEM.

INTRODUCTION OF SCHEME
TO BE POSTPONED.

We understand that the Government proposal to institute a water meterage system in the Chinese rider main districts—a proposal which is strongly objected to by the Chinese Community—has been postponed for the time being. A letter to this effect has been received by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki (Chinese Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council). The letter states that H.E. the Governor has decided for the present that no change is to be introduced in the water supply system, but that such restrictions as are necessary in the times of shortage are to be continued in all rider main districts.

STATE OF HONGKONG
RESERVOIRS.

A correspondent who visited the Hongkong chain of reservoirs on Sunday afternoon writes:—The level of the water in Wungui-chong Reservoir is even now some feet from overflow level but the surrounding hills are still pouring in a considerable stream of water, principally from the catchwater which intercepts the surface water for nearly two miles around a neighbouring hillside.

Ty-tam Reservoir is within a few feet of overflowing into Ty-tam Byo-wah which, itself, has received a considerable addition to its volume of water from its own catchment area. Ty-tam Reservoir presented quite a fine spectacle. Over it the massive dam water was pouring in a broad, white sheet into Ty-tam Tuk. That vast reservoir is nothing like full yet (being, it is learned from the office of the Water Authority, 53 feet below overflow level). All the reservoirs, however, were still receiving substantial contributions from the surrounding hillsides, Ty-tam having one very picturesque waterfall effect.

Our correspondent adds:—One never fails to be impressed, on visiting the Hongkong Reservoirs with their beautiful surroundings and magnificent proportions. What a splendid monument they are to "the giants of the past." By the way, may one suggest that a useful addition to the notice boards about fishing permits and not bathing in drinking water would be the names of the various reservoirs and perhaps their capacities and dates of construction? And while the P.W.D. are in the neighbourhood doing that, if they will kindly undertake it, they might face up the milestones which are all quite illegible.

WATER PROSPECTS.

Enquiry at the office of the Water Authority elicited the information that Kowloon Reservoir is full to overflowing. Though the Hongkong Reservoirs contain 200 million gallons more than at the corresponding time last year, economy is likely to be the watchword of the Water Authority for some time to come. The long dry winter has to be taken into consideration and water must be carefully conserved so that the Colony faces the dry season with considerably more water in reserve than it has at present.

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MEETING OF CREDITORS.

A meeting of creditors of this Company was attended by Mr. Geo. Grimble, The China and Japan Telephone Co., Mr. A. Button (manager) and the Liquidator. The Liquidator explained that the meeting had been called to determine whether an application should be made to the Court for the appointment of any person as liquidator in the place of, or jointly with, the liquidator appointed by a Committee of Inspection. It was decided that no such application should be made, and the proceedings then closed.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

July 30th, 1923.	
Hongkong and Shanghai	1,150 ss.
Banks	41 b.
Steamboats	215 s.
China Sugars	158 b.
Kowloon Wharves	27 b. & d.
Shanghai Docks	27 b.
Hongkong Hotels	90 s.
Shanghai Cottons	29 b.
Cements	43 s.
Hongkong Ropes	25 b.
Dairy Farms	1530 b.
China Lights	b—buyers; s—sellers; ss—sses.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of August, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of three Lots of CROWN LAND at Ho Mun Tin in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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2	do.	60,000	450	1,100
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Hongkong, 10th July, 1923. [1080]

NOTICES TO PUBLIC.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th prox., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd prox. at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by "DODWELL & CO., LTD." Agents. Hongkong, 28th July, 1923. [1041]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Office of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" have been removed to 1A, CHATER ROAD (3rd floor), to which Address all Correspondence should be directed. Hongkong, 16th July, 1923.

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AMY.—At Shanghai, on July 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. F. O. AMY, a son.

LAUGHAND.—At Shanghai, on July 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. LAUGHAND, a son.

MADAR.—At Shanghai, on July 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. MADAR, a son (still-born).

NEILD.—At Shanghai, on July 23rd, to the wife of Dr. F. M. NEILD, of a son.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 31st, 1923.

THE TOWN PLANNING OF KOWLOON.

A COMMITTEE appointed by H.E. the Governor nearly two years ago to draw up a scientific town planning scheme for the Colony practically completed its labours so far as the Kowloon Peninsula is concerned by the end of last year.

The results of the labours of this Committee will be so valuable during the next fifty years," said the Officer Administering the Government in the Budget Speech last September, that he took that opportunity to publicly mention the names of the gentlemen comprising the Committee. Sir CLAUD SEVENS said on that occasion that the Kowloon Peninsula was being mapped out in detail for the future requirements of a very large population.

Provision is being made for roads, railways, ferries, sewage works, slaughterhouses, markets, Government buildings, offensive trade areas, residential areas, timber-lands, coal yards, recreation grounds, and so on. Among these "et ceteras" must necessarily be a cemetery, for no "very large population" can very well do without one. Accordingly the Town Planning Committee made provision for a cemetery, but its selection of a site is challenged, and by the very nature of that challenge the Legislative Council is called upon to say whether the site shall be definitely reserved for the

dead, or allocated to the uses of the living. No doubt, most of our readers read with interest, and no little astonishment, the letter which the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, K.C., read to the Finance Committee of the Council last Thursday—a letter bearing the signatures of several wealthy Chinese residents who are prepared to spend the large sum of \$7,500,000 in order to prepare this cemetery site for building development and to erect on the site some five hundred houses, at least, within the next ten years. The moving spirit in the scheme is Mr. F. P. DE V. SOARES, to whom the Colonial Secretary in his speech paid a well-deserved tribute of recognition of the interest and enthusiasm he has constantly shown over a period of many years in the development of Kowloon. He was the father of the Homotium scheme and brought it through many difficulties to a successful completion, and he and the Colonial Secretary initiated the important Kowloon Tong scheme which is now in progress. His views on the further development of this part of the Peninsula are thus entitled to every consideration. The Government might well hesitate to turn down a scheme in which a number of wealthy capitalists are prepared to invest \$7,500,000 practically, it seems, merely to prepare the site for building operations. It is obvious that the full development of that large area would in the course of time lead to the investment of a great many more millions of dollars. The confidence of the backers of this scheme in the possibilities of this locality if given up to building enterprise is evidently boundless, and the Government might well hesitate to disappoint them. The Colonial Secretary indicated the possibility of a transfer of the whole scheme to another district, but on that subject we have yet definitely to hear from the promoters. In any case it would leave the cemetery as, in the words of the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, "a very undesirable oasis right in the very heart of Kowloon." One would like to know whether the Town Planning Committee, when it decided upon this site for a cemetery contemplated that in a very few years it would be entirely enclosed by houses? The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK made the excuse for the Town Planning Committee that "when it was originally suggested, as part of the town planning of Kowloon Peninsula, to set apart this piece of land in the very centre of the Peninsula as a cemetery, he did not think anybody could have foreseen the extraordinarily rapid building development which has taken place during the past twelve months, and seems likely to continue to take place for some months to come." But there were certainly many people in the Colony who, before the Town Planning Committee was formed, had foreseen that it was inevitable that before many years this particular site would be surrounded by forests of houses. It was scarcely expected, however, that the large capital would be so soon forthcoming to include this site in the building area, but since it is offered, the Government might well pause before turning it away. A cemetery in the midst of the large and growing suburban city that is seen to be rapidly forming in that neighbourhood can never be anything but an eyesore, and apparently a permanent offence to Chinese susceptibilities, arguing from the fact that it appears to be the general rule for Chinese cemeteries to be well outside the towns.

Three Chinese cases of enteric fever were notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the 48 hours ended Sunday night. A case of small-pox was also notified.

A plot of Crown land in the vicinity of Shing On Street, Shaokwan, with an area of about 3,750 square feet was sold by public auction at the Public Works Department, yesterday afternoon. The upset price was \$1 a square foot (\$3,750 for the lot) and the lot was sold for \$10,300 to a Chinese.

Of 4,500 applications for telephones in Yokohama only 450 were granted this summer. The charge for installation is 350 yen so that the Government, which controls the telephone system, is considerably out of pocket owing to its inability, due to shortage of equipment, to grant the applications.

"In the absence of any other hospital in Kowloon the Kwong Wa," says the Hon. Mr. Hallifax in his annual report on the work of the Chinese Secretariat, "does much work—all cases from the Police and the Docks for instance are treated here—which perhaps falls outside the limits of a Chinese charity."

"Motor cars are an essential means of transport in Borneo." This is an extract from the minutes of a Committee meeting of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce. The Committee is objecting to a proposed tax on petrol which it says would deter motor-car users, and perhaps increase the price of hired cars.

Norman Stephenson, an unemployed engineer staying at Empress Lodge, was charged at the Magistracy, yesterday, with having been drunk and incapable in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, on Saturday. Stephenson failed to put in an appearance at the Court and the Magistrate, Mr. J. R. Wood, ordered his bail of \$5 to be forfeited.

Along with the growth in favour of the idea of a Round Table Conference, says the *Far Eastern Times*, discussing the political situation in China, there is growing a strong body of opinion that the elimination of the Presidential office from the constitution and the substitution of an Administrative Council on the Swiss model, more or less, would greatly help to a solution of many of China's difficulties.

Mr. Carine, assistant Harbour Master at Amoy, was entertained at the King George Hotel, Kowloon, on the occasion of his leaving for the port of Hankow. Captain Mudford, R.N.R., was M.C., and speeches were made by Mr. Paget, Mr. Newland, Mr. Heard (Harbour-master) and others. Regret was expressed that in Mr. Carine's departure the port was losing a most courteous and efficient officer.

At the shareholders' meeting of the Peking Waterworks Company held last week the Chairman reported that the net profits made during the past year amounted to \$107,000. The total revenue for 1922 amounted to about \$333,000, being derived from the following:—\$19,000 from street water pipes, \$25,000 from the Legation Quarter, \$184,000 from houses which use meters, \$14,000 from houses which pay for monthly rates and \$57,000 from miscellaneous sources. It was announced, however, that no dividend would be declared, but that the profits were to be used for the purchasing of a new plant and for improving the company.

A son was born to Dr. and Mme. Wellington Koo a fortnight ago.

Dean and Mrs. Symons came down from Shanghai, on the *Empress of Russia*.

The Happy Valley Golf course has been closed, owing to it being waterlogged.

German merchants at Shanghai have organized a Chamber of Commerce at No. 18, King's Road.

Sir Wm. Brunyate, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, and Lady Brunyate have been staying at Chuzenji, Japan.

Mr. G. G. S. Forsyth has been appointed Agent in Colombia of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in succession to Mr. F. A. Rickard.

A Shanghai Chinese paper says that owing to the excessive heat on the 10th inst., an explosion occurred in Tachow Arsenal, Shanghai.

News from Ichang says the river is very high with dangerously strong currents, the latter resulting in the drowning of one of the sailors of the U.S.S. *Isabel*. He was going on board by sampan, slipped, fell into the water and was swept away.

NEW KING'S COUNSEL.

We learn that Mr. Eldon Potter has been appointed a King's Counsel for the Colony of Hongkong.

Mr. Frederick Paul Eldon Leonard Potter was called to the degree of a Barrister by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn on November 15th, 1907, thenceforward practising on the South Eastern Circuit and at the Central Criminal Court until leaving for Hongkong, to the Bar of which Colony he was admitted and enrolled on May 3rd, 1909. During his professional career here Mr. Potter has been a leading and forceful personality in all litigation of any importance. A shrewd and brilliant advocate and a masterly cross-examiner, he has enjoyed in marked degree the regard and confidence of both brother lawyers and clients. Mr. Potter is at present with his wife and family in England.]

A GOOD DAY FOR A ROBBERY.

On the 2nd and 16th day of each moon foks employed in the Chinese firms are granted by an old custom a special feast of roast pork and boiled chicken. Sunday was so observed and naturally the roast pork dealers did a larger trade than usual. A gang of robbers had apparently given this matter consideration and visited the Kwong Tack roast pork shop at No. 66, Wu-Hu Street, on Sunday evening. Four of the villains entered the shop at the close of a good day's sale. They held up the master and his foks with revolvers and daggers, threatened to kill them if they did not keep quiet and then, obtaining the keys, they opened the safe and escaped with \$670.

HONGKONG YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers of Hongkong, in their latest trade circular say—Since our last report on the 30th June, our yarn market has kept up very steady during the whole interval and a good inquiry in 10s and 12s yarn has resulted in the sale of about 4,500 bales with an advance of \$2 to \$3 per bale. The recent news of a good crop of cotton in America and opening of the monsoon in India with better prospects, have tended to lower the price of this staple commodity and have likewise affected our yarn market, which has remained at the close quiet. Unsold stock 9,000 bales. Bargains in Chinese hands 6,000 bales.

Shanghai—Latest report shows a better demand in all counts of local mills yarn with an improvement of 1s. 1 to 3 per bale.

Japanese Yarn:—In sympathy with the high rates in Japan, our market in this yarn has been much strengthened, and good lots changed hands at an increase of \$1 to \$6 per bale.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANCHURIAN BANDITS AGAIN ACTIVE.

PERKING, July 30th. Bandits numbering 300 to 400 attacked Liuohzhen in the province of Fengtien on July 18th. They looted and set fire to the city, taking a number of captives.

STRIKE OF PEKING OFFICIALS.

PERKING, July 30th. The staff of the High Court and the High Procurator's Court in the Metropolitan area, threaten to strike on August if their salaries remain unpaid on that date. The staffs of other courts are expected to follow their example.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN."]

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

FINANCE: MINISTRY.

PERKING, July 29th.

Wang Keh Ming again tendered his resignation yesterday.

L.O.N. DELEGATION UNPAID FOR TWO YEARS.

The Minister at Rome, Tang Tsai Fu, has wired saying that the Chinese delegation to the League of Nations have not been paid for two years, and requesting the Waichow to raise the necessary funds.

PAYMENT OF TROOPS.

Feng Yu Hsiang despatched his aide-de-camp to Peking to discuss the payment of the metropolitan troops and the police with Tao Kun.

Owing to the absence of a Finance Minister, there is a consequent lack of pay, and the troops and police are becoming short of food and other necessities.

MARSHAL TUAN AT TIENTSIN.

The vernacular papers report that the former Tuchen of Shensi, Chen Chu Fan, and Mr. C. T. Wang called on Tuan Chi Jui at Tientsin yesterday.

THE NEXT TYPHOON.

Warning was given yesterday morning of a typhoon in Lat. 14 and Long. 132, direction unknown.

Our last visitor was first reported in Lat. 15 N., and 121 E.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN COMMUNISTS.

ONLY ONE DISTURBANCE DURING WEEK-END.

BERLIN, July 29th.

The only trouble reported throughout Germany during the week-end was an outbreak at Neuruppin in Brandenburg, where the shops were plundered. The crowd also attempted to storm the prison with the object of releasing political prisoners and the police were compelled to fire, killing two and wounding seven. Order was restored on the arrival of police reinforcements from Potsdam. No demonstrations were held in the Ruhr area or the Rhineland.

EARLIER CABLES.

DEMONSTRATIONS PASS OFF QUIETLY.

BERLIN, July 29th.

Official reports hitherto received show that Communist meetings this morning all over the Reich passed off quietly. The attendance at the demonstration is declared to be poor. Ten thousand demonstrators went in procession to Leipzig, but there was no disorder.

LATEST CABLES.

"NO MORE WAR."

DEMONSTRATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, July 30th.

The fear that Europe is again sliding drifting to the brink of war was voiced in speeches at numerous "no more war" demonstrations during the week-end in different parts of the country. The principal one was at Hyde Park, attended by ten thousand persons, mostly women.

THE MATRY DISASTER.

RESCUE WORK ABANDONED.

LONDON, July 30th.

One body has been recovered in the Mafthy mine disaster. The efforts to rescue the other twenty-six entombed men have been abandoned. Owing to the dangerous condition of the workings the pit has been sealed.

EARLIER CABLES.

ANOTHER COLLIERY DISASTER.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT MEN.

LONDON, July 29th.

Eight persons were killed and two seriously injured by an explosion in the Garsbore colliery, near Kilsyth. Twelve men in the pit were bricking in a large area when a gas explosion wrecked the work.

THE DOCK STRIKE.

HULL MEN RETURN TO WORK.

LONDON, July 29th.

The Hull dockers at a meeting to-night decided by a large majority to return to work to-morrow.

WORK FULLY RESUMED AT HULL AND TILBURY.

LONDON, July 29th.

Dock work at Hull and Tilbury has been fully resumed.

REPARATIONS DISCUSSIONS.

FRENCH AND BELGIAN DRAFT REPLIES READY.

PARIS, July 29th.

The draft Belgian reply to the British Note was handed in at the Quai d'Orsay this morning by the Belgian Ambassador, who had a prolonged conference with M. Della Rocca. The reply is being telephoned to M. Poincaré at Sampigny.

PARIS, July 29th.

The Franco-Belgian draft replies will be handed to the Foreign Office on July 30th.

TAXATION IN GERMANY.

THE LOSS IN THE RHINELAND AND RUHR.

BERLIN, July 29th.

The Government Manifesto states that with a view to strengthening the financial situation, an advance payment of income tax will be demanded, and, in order to meet the depreciation in currency, measures will be enforced for modelling the property taxes and inheritance duties, doubling taxation on the Stock Exchange turnover, and curtailing the period in which taxes on articles of general consumption are payable. An increase of the income tax is contemplated in order to compensate Government for the loss in the Rhineland and Ruhr. The issue of a stabilisation loan has been decided upon.

LATEST CABLES.

PRESIDENT HARDING.

COMPLICATIONS FOLLOW PTOMAIN POISONING.

CALIFORNIA TOUR CANCELLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29th.

The favourable bulletin issued as regards the condition of President Harding, who was attacked by ptomaine poisoning on his return from a visit to Canada, has been succeeded by an announcement that the President has cancelled his entire Californian programme, as new symptoms have arisen indicating complications and necessitating the calling in of Dr. Raylman and Dr. Wilbur, head of the American Medical Association and also Dr. Charles Cooper, heart specialist, for the purpose of holding a consultation.

The members of the Presidential party agree that President Harding's condition is worse than has been generally believed.

EARLIER CABLES.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29th.

President Harding has arrived here. His condition has improved, and the doctors state that two days will restore him to normal health.

WIRELESS LINKS.

ACTIVITY IN FRENCH COLONIES AND PACIFIC.

PARIS, July 29th.

As regards the wireless linking up of the French colonies, it is hoped the stations at Bamako, Brazzaville, Saida and Antananarivo will be finished next year. Senator Lemaire has tabled a Bill proposing that power stations equal to the foregoing should be established at Noumea, Papeete, Djibouti and Martinique. He pointed out that foreign nations are rapidly increasing the number of wireless stations in the Pacific, Germany being very active in the Dutch colonies.

MEMORIAL AT GIBRALTAR TO U.S. NAVAL MEN.

GIBRALTAR, July 29th.

Six American destroyers of the fleet auxiliary have arrived to participate in the ceremony of unveiling a memorial tablet in the dockyard on August 2nd to all ratings of the American navy who fell in the war. Other United States ships are expected, and 3,500 American sailors and marines will attend the ceremony.

DAVIS CUP CONTESTS.

DEAUVILLE, July 29th.

In play for the Davis Cup, Lacoste beat De Gomar in the resumed match, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

In the Davis Cup Doubles, Flaquer and De Gomar (Spain) beat Brugnon and Cochet (France), 6-3, 8-6, 11-13, 1-6, 6-4.

In the Davis Cup contest, Anderson and Hawkes (Australia) beat Eklund and Dietrick (Hawaii), 6-0, 8-6, 7-5.

ENGLAND'S ATHLETIC SUCCESS.

PARIS, July 29th.

At an athletics meeting at the Pershing stadium, England defeated France by 60 to 42 points.

THE CEBU CEMENT COMPANY.

GOVERNMENT SELLING SHARES WORTH THREE MILLION PESOS.

A Manila paper states that negotiations to sell P3,000,000 worth of shares of the Philippine Government in the Cebu Cement Company are going on between the management of the National Development Company and C. F. Massey, president of the cement corporation. The Government has offered to sell for cash its shares at P25 each. The Government, it was explained, would prefer to sell the shares to the Cebu Cement Company itself. However, the latter does not have the necessary amount just now and has made a counter proposition which is being considered by Government officials. In a letter to the secretary of finance, Mr. Massey offers to purchase the shares at the price fixed by the Government provided the Cebu Cement Company be allowed to pay for them in instalments the whole amount to be paid not later than 1937.

Latest reports of the activities of the Cebu Cement plant are very promising, according to Governor-General Wood. He said the future outlook of the enterprise is very healthy.

The company, it is understood, has a contract to supply the Government with all the cement it needs. The contract is for several years.

JAPANESE COTTON PROBLEMS.

UNABLE TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION.

The rejection by the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association of the proposal to lay up more spindles has caused the local market to be very uneasy.

The Japan Cotton Spinners' Association convened a meeting of its executive committee at Osaka. Proposals to curtail production by laying up spindles had been suggested by no less than 10 mills, and accordingly, the trade awaited the result of the conference with considerable interest. The conference, however, did not approve of the proposal and any definite action to lay up spindles was postponed indefinitely.

Both in Tokyo and Osaka forward deliveries dropped below ¥250 a mark which the market has been maintaining for more than two months; January closed at ¥219.00 in Osaka and Tokyo.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

BANK.

PILLARS OF THE PAST AND OF THE PRESENT.

In connection with the opening of the new building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Shanghai, Mr. Gordius Nielsen, in the course of a lengthy article in *The Japan Chronicle*, gives the following notes on some of the great personalities connected with the bank in the past and in the present:

There are certain landmarks in the life of a city which stand out in its history. It is but the brief span of a robust human life since the day when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in 1841 opened its doors to business in this city in a modest building, which is now no more. Some ten or twelve years later it built its own premises in the only street which even then could aspire to that appellation, the not unknown Bund. It was of a size and grandeur that eclipsed any other building in those days and the conservative wisecracks shook their grey heads in pessimistic disapproval. It was still the most outstanding building in May, 1882, when the writer for the first time walked up the Shanghai Bund, and was not a little impressed with its appearance. Later, many years later, he learnt to be much more impressed with what was going on inside the building. There, inside, was a construction even more impressive than the walls and pillars outside. There were pillars inside too, alive and moving, fitting from desk to desk or listening. Particularly listening. It is an art acquired by few men, but none who were or are officers of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have neglected the cultivation of that rare virtue. And so it came to pass, that through years of patient listening the bank became the repository of many secrets, involving the agony of human souls and the more material commodity known as specie. The business of the bank prospered, as it had to do with such wise guidance, and its vaults became too small for the keeping of people's earthly possessions and their intimate secrets.

Now, sixty years after it made its debut in Shanghai, it has pulled down what forty years ago was the pride of Muddy Flat, and in its place stands a palace of which any city in the world might well be proud. Height, length and depth of a structure may sometimes mislead the innocent into a false impression of grandeur, for when art has been sinned against they count for very little. The new edifice possesses the three essentials in generous measure, but in addition its lines are pure and free from all trace of gaudiness. It takes unquestionably premier rank among the many handsome buildings which now adorn the Bund, not only as regards size but also, unquestionably, as regards the architectural adornment of that thoroughfare.

SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

Being more interested in men than in bricks and mortar, we may, for the present, leave the opening ceremony of the new premises for a later description. In the meantime it may be interesting to focus our attention on a few of the figures—human as well as architectural—who (or which) have made it possible that this bank now ranks as second in size and importance to the Bank of England. Out of the shades of the past emerges a figure that dominated the world of finance in these parts for thirty years. Although the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank did possess grandfathers, it had only one real father, and that was Sir Thomas Jackson. Who of his day, still living, does not remember with affection this tall gentleman, who was sincere, so candid, so generous, and so wise? To the ordinary onlooker, unfamiliar with banking, it was difficult to realize that this amiable and gentle man had it in him to utter the word "No," and if he did understand the possibility of such a hard word being spoken by the Chief Manager of the bank, he was convinced that the tongue had rebelled against the heart. Probably it did, for Sir Thomas was not only a great banker but a man with a human sympathy rare even among people who are not placed in such a position, which requires not only sympathy but the weighing of cold facts. He spent all his best years in Hongkong as head of the bank, and for thirty years he enjoyed the great respect and affection of every one who had the good fortune to come in contact with him. Spiritually—if one may associate such a word with a money institution—he laid the foundation-stone of the present edifice which now graces the Bund. It is his spirit which permeates the bank and all it holds to this day; its promptitude in business, its courtesy to its customers, however humble, its unflinching desire, if at all possible to accommodate. And although one cannot transmit genius, it would seem that, in the matter of wisdom and business acumen, his mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders, the owners of which walk in his footsteps with a natural and inherited courtesy that would have pleased the Father if he had still been among the living.

SIR CHARLES ADDIS.

It is only the intention briefly to touch the personality of those with whom the present writer has been acquainted, and the next figure that looms up in the past, but who is now shining as a star of considerable magnitude in the very centre of the world's finance is Sir Charles Addis, the bank's manager in London. As a young man in the late "eighties" and the beginning of the "nineties" Mr. Addis, as he then was, spent some years in Shanghai. Of his doings in the bank then the writer knows nothing beyond the fact that he was reputed to be the coming star that would eventually shed additional lustre over the institution which he served with Scotch energy and sagacity. But in another field, or to be correct, in other waters than the Whang, the writer had ample opportunity of judging Mr. Addis's qualifications. Not the bank but the Soochow creek was the forum where we fought our battles on sliding seats and with long curs-

Sir—beg pardon—Mr. Addis was the life and soul of the Scotch crew, although his place in the boat was only number two. He was stroked by Roderick Campbell, another Scotch banker, then exchange broker, and he looked straight at the powerful back of James McKie, one of Jardine's best, who was number 3. The gentle John Stenhouse of Westall, Little & Co., represented Inverness as bow, and on a certain autumn day in a year that is forgotten now, the Scotch crew had wiped England and Germany off the Soochow Creek. Everybody yelled themselves hoarse in honour of the Scotchmen, and Addis blushed. But, some weeks before, an Englishman, the present Edward Pearce, who was then the popular secretary of the Rowing Club, an Irishman by the name of W. G. Moore of Barlow & Co., familiarly known as "Long Moore" by virtue of his height, a Swiss stick-nice, a blundering rascal, and the present rascal, had plotted together and conceived the bold plan of challenging the reigning crew of the "International Four" to deadly combat. Our club, long as we were, and we who called ourselves "Cosmopolitans," trained as only young men who are thoroughly in earnest can train. We were in the pink of condition in spite of the fact that, at the time of the day of the race, our Swiss stroke had upbraided our Charles on account of the quantity of cheese which that conscientious number 2 permitted himself to eat. Long Moore, as number 3, pulled the weight of himself and bow, so we were very cheerful.

Now, it is not my purpose to belittle Scotland, but the fact is that this splendid crew only kept their laurels for 24 hours, when they, in turn, were wiped off the creek by the Cosmopolitans. Can one forget the generosity of Charles Addis's congratulations even to those who had been a passenger? He was a true sportsman, and he is a true and eminent banker at the present day, and if this should meet his eye his thoughts may travel back to bygone days; but he may not remember, or know, that he was the most generous loser, not even excluding Jimmy McKie, who greeted our victory. But since he has taken to coaching on dry land he has won many victories to make up for one single defeat on the Soochow Creek. What, after all, is Soochow Creek compared to London, the Hongkong Bank and the Bank of England, of which latter institution he is now a director?

G. HILLIER.

There is not a foreigner who has resided in Peking during the last quarter of a century who does not know Mr. G. Hillier. And it would indeed be strange if, during this period, any one visiting the capital should have missed at least one of his remarkable gentlemen. He has not seen them himself, for Mr. Hillier lost his sight many years ago. But in spite of the affliction he is a monument of everything that makes men great, and a veritable pyramid of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Indeed, one might rather liken him to sphinx, of the kind within whose bosom dwell celestial secrets, for in Manchou he played a great part in many ways affecting the finances of the Empire, a role which has been maintained under the more disturbed conditions of the Republic. He, too, the same as Sir Charles Addis, no doubt remembers Soochow Creek days, where the writer first met him. But it was many years afterwards that he had occasion, while at Peking on a visit, to marvel at the fortitude and cheerfulness with which the subject under observation attended to his duties. A special favour was solicited by the visitor, and he was led into the private office of the manager. Alert and lively step the manager led the way from the public counter through several rooms, between tables and chairs into his office. It was difficult to follow him, and it was, at that time, still more difficult to comprehend why it was impossible for him, just then, to grant the favour. Soochow Creek does not count for much in banking, and a telegram had to be dispatched to Shanghai before the coffers of the bank could be opened. Eventually they were, not only with the degree of courtesy that generally accompanies such legitimate request but with much kindness thrown in for good luck.

It is such men who have made the bank what it is to-day. There are others, but the present scribe can only speak from his own personal experience. Yet, he has no doubt that reports speak the truth when they claim that the capital S's which form the first letters of the patronymics of the two principal leaders of the bank of the Far East at the present time will no day be engraved in the annals of the bank's history with letters of gold.

BEAUTIFUL, BUT NOT LIONS.

After this lengthy digression it is time that we should make an attempt to pass between the two ferocious looking beasts which flank the portals of the entrance to the bank. Now while the writer has an honest desire to be on good terms with these emblems of power and everything and everybody over which they keep guard, he cannot suppress a desire to remark that these animals are no more like the African lion than his Pekinese dog like a bloodhound. They are beautiful, it is true; but they are not in the least like the African species as seen in the flesh. The latter are ugly brutes, treacherous, sinking, cowardly. A concession has been made to ancient misconceptions regarding the appearance of these wild beasts, and we have before our eyes two imaginary Kings of the Forest. They are beautiful. And the same adjective may be applied to the facade of the long tall building, which is made of the hardest Kowloon granite, and conceived in pure London, Paris and Washington will surely acknowledge that the array of splendid palaces facing them when they steam past the Bund, is evidence of architectural talent, and that Mr. G. L. Wilson, the gentleman who is responsible for the artistic perception of the new Hongkong and Shanghai Bank buildings, is entitled to high praise. Mr. Wilson will not deny that he has had powerful allies to assist him, two at least of which are quite indispensable in the planning and execution such great works. He has had space and a long purse to help him.

MALARIA IN HONGKONG.

LIABILITY OF CHILDREN TO COMPLICATIONS.

THE SANITARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1932.

The Sanitary Report for the year 1932 contains a valuable comment by the ex-Principal Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. R. C. Johnson) on the subject of malaria in the Colony. He writes—

"During the rainy season there were times when the rainfall was insufficient to scour out the eggs and larvae of mosquitoes from the pools and other collections of water and to this is to be attributed, in part, at any rate, the prevalence of malaria to a greater degree than is usual. Another effect of alternate periods of rain and drought is that the conditions are not suitable for the natural enemies of the mosquito larvae because the pools do not exist long enough to allow of their being stocked with small fish, newts, and insects which prey on the larvae. These conditions are especially when they come from districts in which malaria occurs, seem to result in a recrudescence of malaria. When the number of immigrants is large the whole community is liable to feel the effects of it, the prevalence of the disease to be increased, and the infection is less likely to be as confined to children as it is when it exists among a sedentary population which has become immune to a greater or less extent."

INCREASED NUMBER OF CASES LAST YEAR.

The number of cases reported from three of the hospitals which contain the greater portion of cases was 921 and in 1931, 702. The varieties of malaria occur in the proportion of 60.93 per cent. of the cases, and 4.10 per cent. of the benign tertian, slightly different figures being returned by different observers, but quite 95 per cent. of the cases are due to the subtertian parasite. The quartan is seldom seen, it is doubtful if it occurs more than once in two hundred cases.

COMPLICATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN.

Considering the frequency of fever caused by the subtertian parasite it is natural to meet with some of the complications which are apt to be associated with it, especially in children. This summer and autumn I saw twelve or fifteen children of five and under who were sent to hospital because of convulsions, or coma, or other cerebral conditions and all with the characteristic history of being taken suddenly ill, of a rapidly rising temperature which became normal or nearly so after a limited period, the convulsions or the coma occurring for the most part as the temperature rose. Hyperpyrexia was noted in one of the cases and aphasia in another. Several groups of two or even three children belonging to the same family were brought to hospital at the same time not only suffering from malaria but from similar complications of malaria, e.g., coma, convulsions. The diagnosis was made not only by the finding of the malaria parasites in the blood, but by the rapid improvement in the conditions after the intramuscular injections of a solution of the hydrochlorate of quinine. In two instances two children of different families were treated in hospital twice during the year for malaria. A considerable proportion of the children who were affected this year were sent in with the diagnosis of sunstroke. All of these cases recovered."

SO-CALLED "BLACKWATER FEVER."

The liability of children who suffer from malaria, to one or other of the cerebral complications is a definite one, and the importance of distinguishing between it and sunstroke is essential for the treatment of a very dangerous condition. Although examples of hyperpyrexia, coma, convulsions, aphasia, and paresis were seen, none of the patients suffered from such complications as are described as syncope, or haemorrhagic, but the so-called "blackwater fever" has been observed in this colony. It was reported as occurring in a child in 1911 and the condition seemed to be in every respect the same one which is often encountered in tropical Africa. Since then several other cases have been reported as having been observed in the other hospitals of the colony. It is known to occur in India, China, Malaya, and in Formosa and other places in the Far East, but it is not nearly so common in this part of the world as it is in Africa. It is on account of its association with malaria in the opinion of many that reference has been made to it in this place, and not because it has been proved to be a purely malarial complication.

The species of mosquitoes which are known to act as carriers of malaria are *Anopheles maculatus*, *Anopheles minimus*, *Anopheles sinensis* and *Anopheles tessellatus*. *Anopheles kawarui* is not suspected to act as a carrier.

HABITS OF THE MOSQUITO.

Of the other mosquitoes, the stegomyia group is represented by three species: *Stegomyia fasciata*, *Stegomyia scutellaris*, and *Stegomyia W. alb.* The *Stegomyia scutellaris* being the commonest mosquito in the colony. It breeds in any receptacle containing water in the vicinity of houses and it is specially fond of breeding in the bamboo used for scaffolding or hanging clothes to dry on, or even for fences on which to train plants. So far it is not known to convey disease, nor is the *Stegomyia w. alb.* known to be a source of danger, and it is a rare species. The *Stegomyia fasciata* was not easy to find at first, but a search for it resulted in its being found some ninety odd times in the Kowloon districts and three in Victoria. The larvae were found in earthenware pots containing water stored for domestic use and in wooden buckets, iron tanks, wooden barrels and generally in receptacles in which water is kept stored because of the intermittent supply to certain of the districts in Kowloon. The habits of this insect appear to be practically the same here as in other parts of the world in which it is found, even the habit of the larvae to go to the bottom of the barrel of water or other receptacle when a search is being made for them was found to hold good in our survey. It is probable therefore, that the number of occasions on which this species was captured was less than it would have been if it had been practicable to search all of the receptacles thoroughly. This species was found on three occasions only in Victoria and then in parts in which there was a continuous supply of water.

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JAPANESE PROFESSOR IN JAIL.

THE ALLEGED COMMUNIST PLOT.

PROFESSOR INOMATA TAKUO OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY.

Professor Inomata Takuo of Waseda University was arrested at Tokyo on Friday afternoon (13th instant) on a charge of complicity in the alleged Communist plot which was the occasion of a round-up of Socialists a few weeks ago. He was examined for about four hours at the Prosecutor's office and suffered a further questioning at the Preliminary Court. According to Japanese papers, he was sent to Ichigaya prison on Saturday.

It will be remembered that on June 6th the Tokyo judicial officials and Metropolitan Police started the round-up of prominent Tokyo Socialists, when Mr. T. Sakai and his numerous associates were taken into custody. At this time some procurators and judges searched the laboratories of Professors Sano, Inomata, Oyama and Ide at Waseda. A strong protest against this invasion was made. In fact the President of the Institute, Dr. Takata, demanded an explanation from the Court and the Metropolitan Police.

The whereabouts of Dr. Sano, one of the accused professors, has not yet been known since his numerous was some time ago at Tokyo. Not only Mr. Inomata's research room but his residence at Yuyohata, a suburb of Tokyo, was searched the other day, but the evidence being insufficient, the Court and Police took no further action at that time. But the voracious Press reports state that evidence against him has lately been extracted from some of the Socialists already in prison.

There are at present 27 accused men, including Mr. T. Sakai, awaiting trial in connection with the alleged plot. It is suggested that this plot is connected with a certain event (the Japanese paper leaves blanks for the space of eight characters) which takes place this autumn (obviously the autumn manoeuvres). Another report says that the so-called plot is to diffuse a certain idea among the military on a most opportune occasion in the near future. It is alleged that Mr. Sano, who has disappeared, was to play an active part and that Mr. Inomata had been warmly supporting the former's plans. All this is probably guesswork.

THE RUSSIAN MRS. INOMATA.

The papers have reports that Mr. Inomata's wife is a Russian of Jewish blood and that she married him while he was studying at Wisconsin University. The *Jiji* says, "Mrs. Inomata was imprisoned at New York when large numbers of Socialists were arrested there in January, 1920. At this time she was in the employ of a prominent New York Socialist as a typist. She had previously been a member of a Moscow Communist league. With the detention of Mr. Inomata, she may be interrogated by the Court before long. Mr. Inomata finished the *Polities* course at Waseda with honours some ten years ago and soon after he was sent to study Agricultural Politics and Political Economy at the American University mentioned. He has been well known as an earnest student of tenant farmers' disputes. He has been an assistant professor at Waseda since 1921. An intimate friend of Mr. Inomata is quoted as stating that he had not participated in any actual Communist movement in Tokyo before he was arrested.—*apan Chronicle*.

CAPTAIN COOK'S VOYAGES.

IMPORTANT RECORDS HELD IN AUSTRALIA.

In June a collection of relics of the Captain Cook's voyages was exhibited in Federal Parliament House, Melbourne. The most important exhibit was Cook's journal of his first voyage in H.M.S. *Endeavour*. The journal was purchased in London by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for £5,000. Other Cook manuscripts, also purchased by the Commonwealth Government and exhibited, included the secret instructions by the British Admiralty to Captain Cook, and among the articles were antique contemporary charts and maps, portraits of the navigator, the medals struck to commemorate his voyage, historical and descriptive volumes dealing with Cook's voyages, engravings of scenes in the Sandwich Isles and other places included in his itineraries, interesting because of incidents associated with the fate of Cook or his fellow voyagers. There were six cases of exhibits, besides a number of documents displayed on screens.

AUSTRALIA HISTORY.

To celebrate the hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the landing of Captain Phillip, and the arrival of the first fleet, in Australian waters, members of the "Benevolent Club met in Sydney. The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Walter Davidson, and officers of the Historical Society were present. An historical paper was read by the President of the Club, Mr. R. J. Black, M.L.C. The more or less reflected upon the discovery and colonisation of the island continent, he said, the more one was filled with admiration for the courage and self-reliance of the early pioneers. "It may be mentioned," he said, "that Le Perouse visited the French flag in Botany Bay and claimed the territory in the name of Louis XVI. but it was proved beyond all doubt that the English arrived first, and the French Government waived all their claims upon the east coast. The French subsequently disputed with us the possession of Australia, and the claims were urged up to the reign of Louis Philippe."

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THE VALET'S POINT OF VIEW.

Who would be famous in these days? Those who raise their heads a little above the other stalk in a blaze of publicity, and if they commit any folly, however venial, may Heaven help them, particularly if they happen to live either in Great Britain or the United States. The vice of this age is a curiosity which prides into the most secret domestic concerns of people who boast, as the saying goes, a name. So often do we read the headline of contents bill "Baronet's love affairs" that we tremble to think what the proletariat conceives that highly respectable institution, the baronetage, to be. In the same way the prominence given to the occasional grievances, delinquencies, and quarrels of actresses, musicians, and artists in the Courts puts the arts in popular estimation almost beyond the pale. And even when the victims have left the courts they are pursued into their homes and an investigation "by our special commissioner" follows upon the investigation of the minutes of justice. To be a personality, a "well-known," must nowadays be like living in a house without curtains or blinds. Every movement is watched, and even the eating of a meal brings a crowd to the window. It must make living a mild torture, and now a new terror has been added to death. In the old days a certain decency was observed concerning the origins, follies, sins, and eccentricities of the distinguished and the great. But nowadays scarcely has the breath left the body than the vultures of gossip descend flustering their revelations, confidences, letters, and memoirs. Madame Sarah Bernhardt has just been buried, but already newspaper readers on an English Sunday are being regaled with "secrets" which may or may not be true, but which are certainly cruel and ill-timed. The dead cannot escape from those "dear friends" these "close intimates" who, while the nails are being screwed on the coffin, are already ransacking their memories for "spicy" anecdotes. In that respect the criminal and the illustrious, the notorious and the famous, are alike. The mere fact that they are known makes it certain that sooner rather than later the searchlights are at work, and if something is not seen then something will be invented.

An actress dies. Is her art discussed, analysed? Not a bit of it. But her mother's secrets are revealed with all the speed of prying malice. A poet dies. Is there a search for the key to the music of his verse? No; the search is for "the woman in the case." The death of an illustrious personage is announced, and the next day we are informed that "a titled lady intimately connected with Court life in Ruritania," has been prevailed upon to tell us all about "the famous scandal which so shocked Europe." Tom Eaves indeed has left a numerous progeny, behind him. The result, of course, is that the vast majority of people are infected with distorted views of life and are associating real distinction with the little meannesses and aberrations which are bound to be latent in all men and women, whether they be great or small. The gentleman makes over allowance for the valet's standpoint and opportunities, but he still persists in believing, and asks the world to believe, that he is a gentleman. The hero has his cupboard, but the skeleton ought not to blind us to his heroic qualities. It is the greatness in great men and women which we ought to seek and admire. Too often today it is their littleness which is held up by treacherous hands for our inspection.—Morning Post (London).

25 YEARS ON A LONELY ISLAND.

MELBOURNE, June 7th.
Mr. J. J. Bannfield, the naturalist and author of "Confessions of a Beachcomber," and other books, has died at the age of 70 at Dunk Island, off the coast of Queensland, where he had been living alone with his wife for twenty-five years.

The crew of the steamer *Innisfail*, passing the island, saw a woman waving on the beach. A boat was landed and Mrs. Bannfield was found to be the only inhabitant of the island. Her husband was dead. The crew made a coffin out of ship's timber and the Chief Officer read the burial service.

Mrs. Bannfield refused to leave the island, and the captain called for volunteers to stay with her. Every man offered, and the captain selected one to remain.

Some twenty-five years ago, Mr. Bannfield acquired under the land laws of the Queensland Government, Dunk Island off the coast of Queensland. This was an island rather more than three square miles in area, inhabited till then only by the rapidly dwindling remnant of a once considerable native population, which has since, it would seem, entirely disappeared. There, with his wife, he settled down to live the simplest of lives, and indulge in his cherished pastime of observing the ways of birds, beasts, and fishes, and while they remained, his black fellow men.

During the twenty-five years of his life on the island, Mr. Bannfield produced three books—"Confessions of a Beachcomber," published in 1908; "My Tropic Isle," 1911, and "Tropic Days," 1918. In these books he got down the results of his leisurely observation of Nature; but he kept his own personality rigidly in the background, so that little could be gathered of the everyday life of the island. All that could be learned was the clearing in which he and his wife grew what they needed was 4½ acres in extent; that they made the island a place of refuge for rare species of birds; and that they found contentment in their solitary life. So strictly did Mr. Bannfield follow his principle of protecting bird life, that an experiment in beekeeping failed because he would not shoot the bee-eating birds. He did not pretend to be a scientific naturalist, and he was emphatically not a collector; he was simply an observer of Nature.



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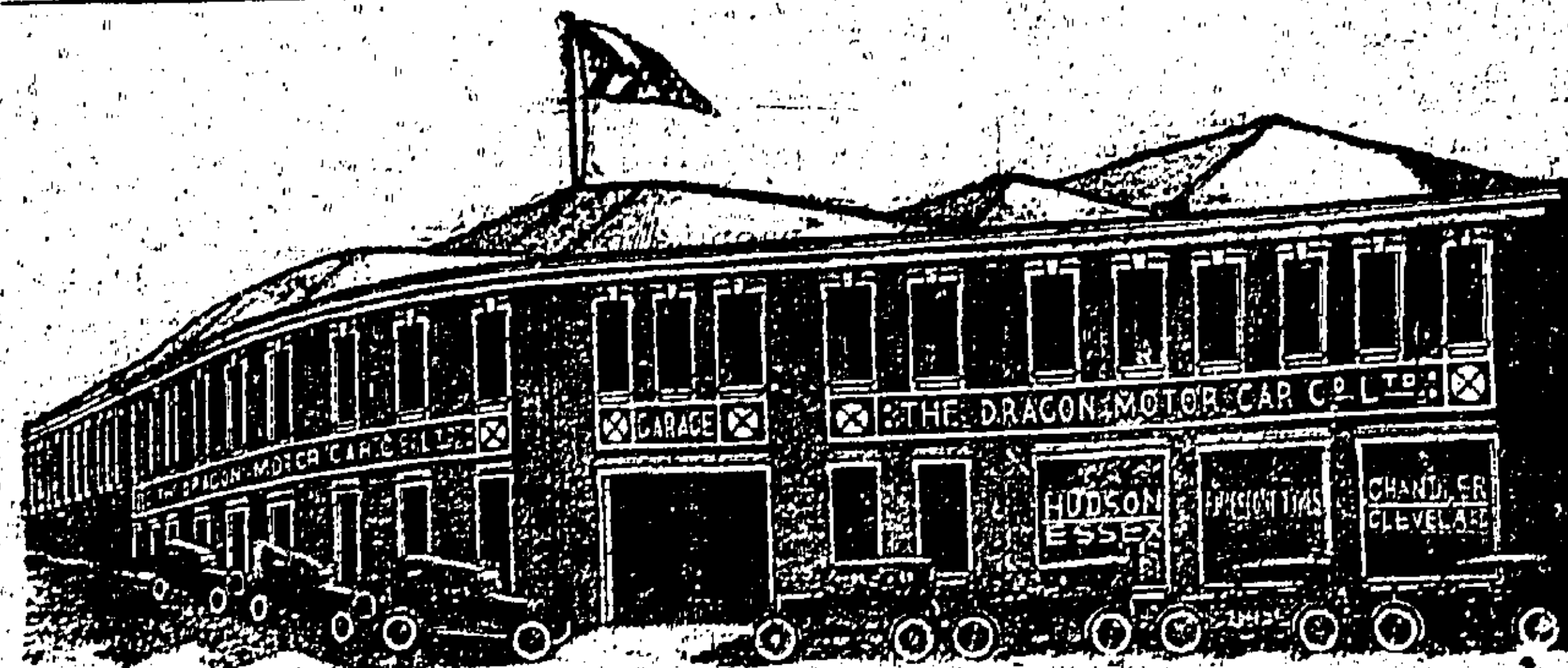
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THE TRADE OUTLOOK IN
BRITAIN.SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN A FEW
INDUSTRIES.

A report on the position in several of the most important British industries at the beginning of June has been prepared by the Federation of British Industries, based on the best sources of information at their disposal. This indicates that for the most part trade remains quiet, with indications of improvement here and there.

In regard to the cotton trade it is recorded that the position of most manufacturers of cloth can only be described as deplorable. Tons of thousands of looms in Lancashire are empty, owing to absence of orders.

The home trade in woollen piece goods remains dull and quiet, but there are encouraging signs of recovered interest in British goods on the part of certain Overseas markets. The Far East, in particular, is showing considerable activity.

So far as drapery and clothing are concerned, stocks of summer goods are not moving as quickly as they should. Unfortunately, many of the big retail houses appear to be looking more and more for drapery goods to the Continent, where they can get them cheaply. It is not always true, either (the report adds), that the consumer gets the benefit, for in most cases the bulk of the difference in price between the Continental and the British article remains in the hands of the distributors in the form of additional profit.

The hosiery industry appears to have taken on a new lease of activity. Quite a number of orders are coming forward for summer goods. There is very little sign of improvement in the lace trade. As regards linen, it is recorded as noticeable that Overseas and other buyers, who for some years have practically dropped linen goods in favour of cotton, have appeared to realize that the increased price of cotton and the fall in the price of linen during the last 12 months have brought the two fabrics almost to the same level. Consequently they are placing bigger orders for linen, which is undoubtedly of better value than similar goods made from cotton. The silk trade is still experiencing a most depressing time.

METAL INDUSTRIES.

Production in the iron and steel industry is proceeding at a fairly high level. There are unmistakable signs of a slackening of foreign competition.

Reports from the North-Eastern area indicate that the coal trade is still doing well. In general the engineering trades are feeling the depression very severely. Here and there are signs of improvement. Shipbuilding is being hindered by the lock-out of boilermakers. Attention is directed to the steady development of large electrical power stations. The improvement in the volume of orders in the machine tool trade, which began last autumn, still continues.

Dealing with motor-cars and cycles, the report states: As a general rule Whitesmiths marks the limit of the cycle manufacturers' season so far as home demands are concerned, but this year things are more favourable than usual. Stocks in the agents' hands are small, but there is quite a good export business going. Another pleasing factor is that the American attempts to sweep the market have failed, their dumping policy having only enhanced the prestige of the British machines.

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The outlook for the boot and shoe trade is brighter.

Conditions in the pottery trade are distinctly improving.

ARMY ACCOUNTS MUDDLE
MILLIONS LOST.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S DISCLOSURES.

In his review of the Army accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1923, the Comptroller and Auditor-General reports that at one depot the stock account showed a credit balance.

Adjusting entries were made at the War Office which were found in the course of a test examination to result in over-statement of stocks since valued by £37,228,430.

The War Office undertook to supply a local authority with electricity from an Army power station. The receipts for current supplied in the March quarter of 1922 showed that the average rate per unit supplied was less than the flat cost of generation, in the calculation of which no account was taken of the overhead charges incurred, nor of such items as interest on capital and provision for fire insurance. Moreover, considerable capital commitments on the reconstruction and extension of the station had been entered into shortly before the time of the agreement with the local authority.

Reference is made to an item of £230,000 for houses sold in the Middle East. The loss at book values on the animals sold was £277,000, while there was a further loss on animals destroyed of £338,000.

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While the War Office anticipated a gross expenditure of £30,000 for mud-brick shelters in Mesopotamia, the actual cost was £229,681 18s. 5d. When the Treasury asked for an explanation the War Office stated that the effect of the novel system of costing works expenditure had not been appreciated by the officers then dealing with works in the very large area of this command, and that in consequence the effect upon the cost accounts of the use of large quantities of surplus material and of the employment of large numbers of enrolled native labourers had not been realised.

Attention is drawn to the continuous hiring of a tug at £60 a week, aggregating £15,000, while there had been an option to buy for £9,000. The owners accepted £9,000 for the tug in August, 1921.

Balances written off as irrecoverable total £2,471,413. These include losses by theft and in transit, fire, and accounting errors. Mention is made of a loss of £19,049, due to embezzlement by a field cashier in France, who was tried by court-martial and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

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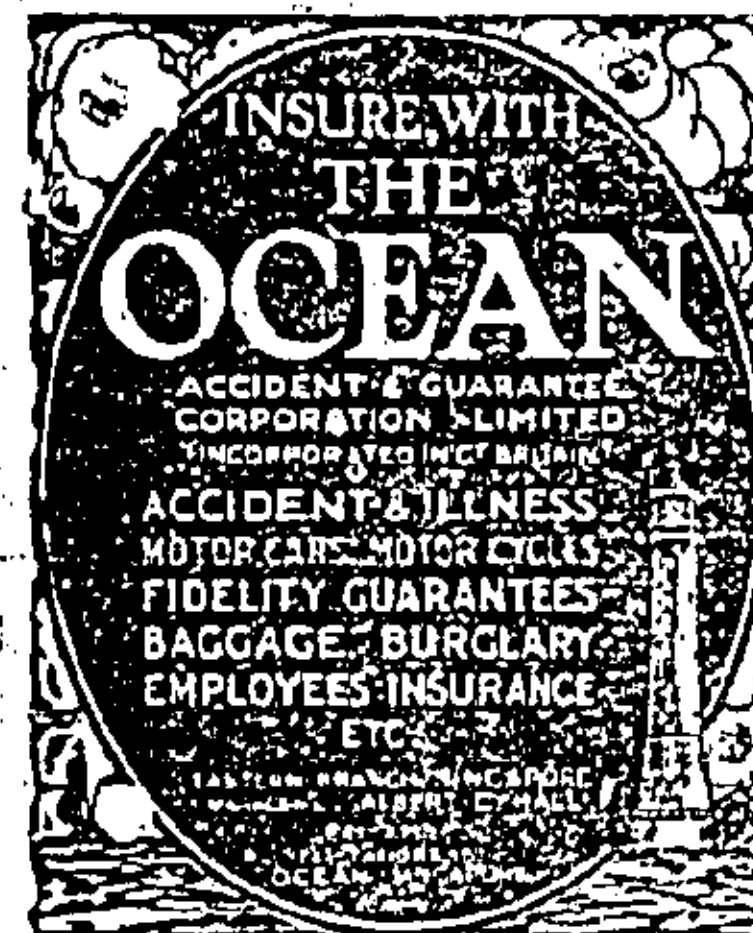


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BANGKOK via HOIHOW	... "CHUNSANG"	... Tuesday, 7th Aug. 8 a.m.	
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	... "ESANG"	... Wednesday, 8th Aug. Noon.	
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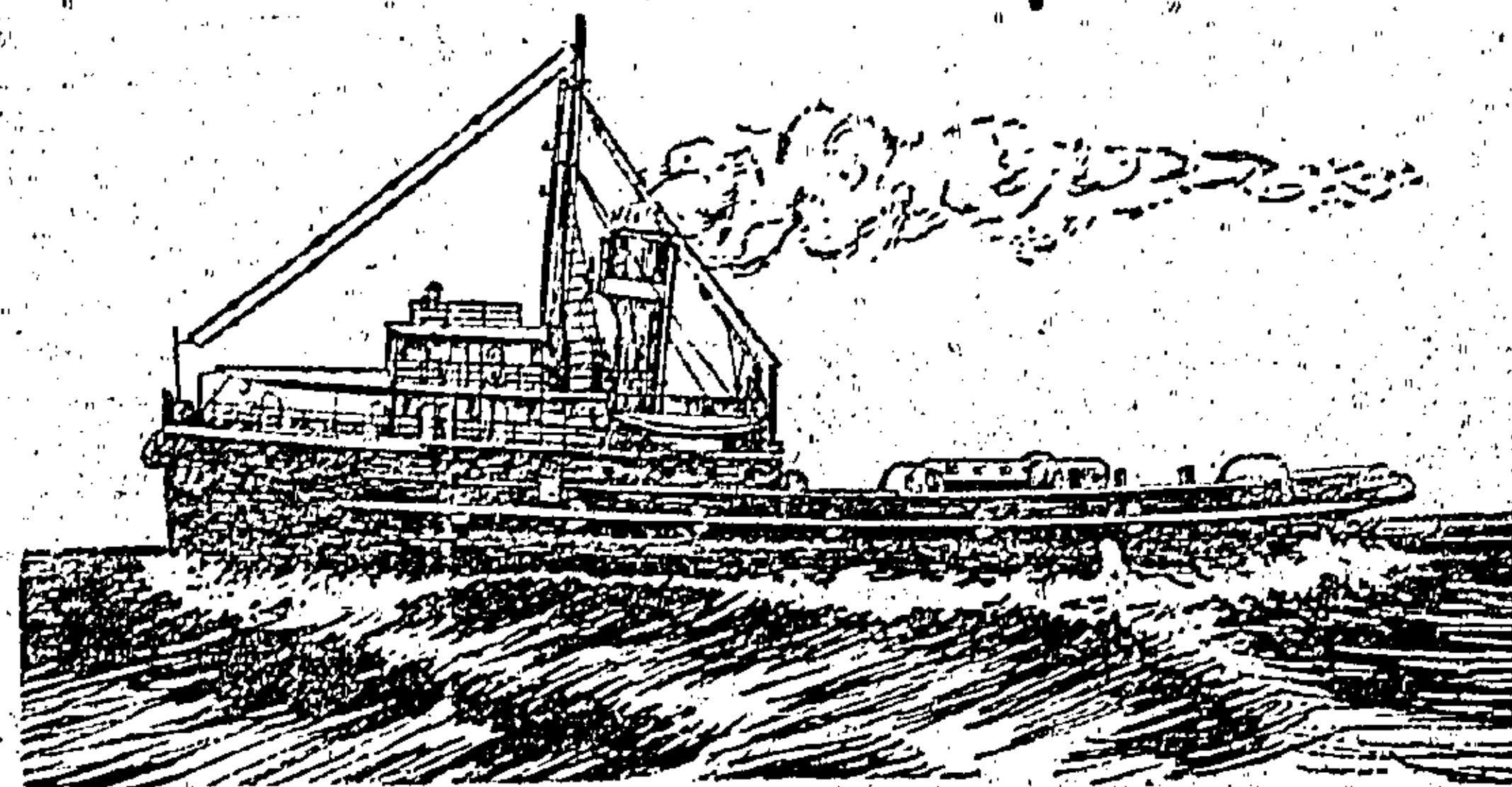
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Empress of Russia, British str., 8,789 tons, Capt. A. J. Hosken, from Vancouver, B.C., with a general cargo.—C.P.S., Ltd.
Jude, French str., 386 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—Kai Yue & Co.
Knaping, French str., 177 tons, Capt. A. Maraschini, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—Sing Kee.
Moji Maru, Japanese str., 3,757 tons, Capt. U. Oka, from Moji, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Pongtung, British str., 234 tons, Capt. H. Kaim, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo.—Chung Tung S.S. Co.
President, American str., 11,925 tons, Capt. Joaquin Moreno, from Manila, with a general cargo.—P.M.S.S. Co.
Soko Maru, Japanese str., 1,001 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.
Sunli, Portuguese str., 410 tons, Capt. G. A. de Souza, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo.—Po On S.S. Co.
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Chan Sang, British str., 1,496 tons, Capt. C. R. More, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
Almazan Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.
Dashitatsu, British str., 2,680 tons, Capt. W. Adams, from Saigon, with rice.—Fook Tai Cheong.
Emil Kirdorf, German str., 3,125 tons, Capt. Zabel, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.
Gweneth, British str., 1,397 tons, Capt. B. W. S. Pritchard, from Bangkok, with rice.—Wang Lee & Co.
Hermelin, Norwegian str., 1,163 tons, Capt. Th. Davidson, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—Thoresen & Co.
Hin Sang, British str., 1,895 tons, Capt. A. D. Kolman, from Sandakan, with a general cargo.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
Kishu Maru, Japanese str., 1,567 tons, Capt. K. Ouchi, from Kueing, with coal.—O.S.K.
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Sungho Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Van Chuan, Dutch str., 2,863 tons, Capt. F. Schlette, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—J.C.J.L.
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Chipping, for Tientsin.
Chung Hing, for Canton.
Emil Kirdorf, for Swatow.
Hong Hing, for Miao.
Hoi Wang, for Singapore.
Kamak, for Hoihow.
Kishu Maru, for Swatow.
Kishu Maru, for Hongkong.
Pongtung, for Saigon.
Putung, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Reims, for Hoihow.
Soko Maru, for Canton.
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Wagun, for Shanghai.
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DEPARTURES

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The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Shanghai on July 30th at 12.30 p.m., leaves to-day at 12 a.m., and is due at Kobe on August 2nd, 8 a.m.
 The M.M. s.s. *Paul Leont*, from Marseilles, left Saigon on July 29th, and is expected at Hongkong to-morrow, sailing for Shanghai the same day.
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Empress of Australia, due August 15th.
Hyson (Blue Funnel), due August 1st.
Igo Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
Kashima Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
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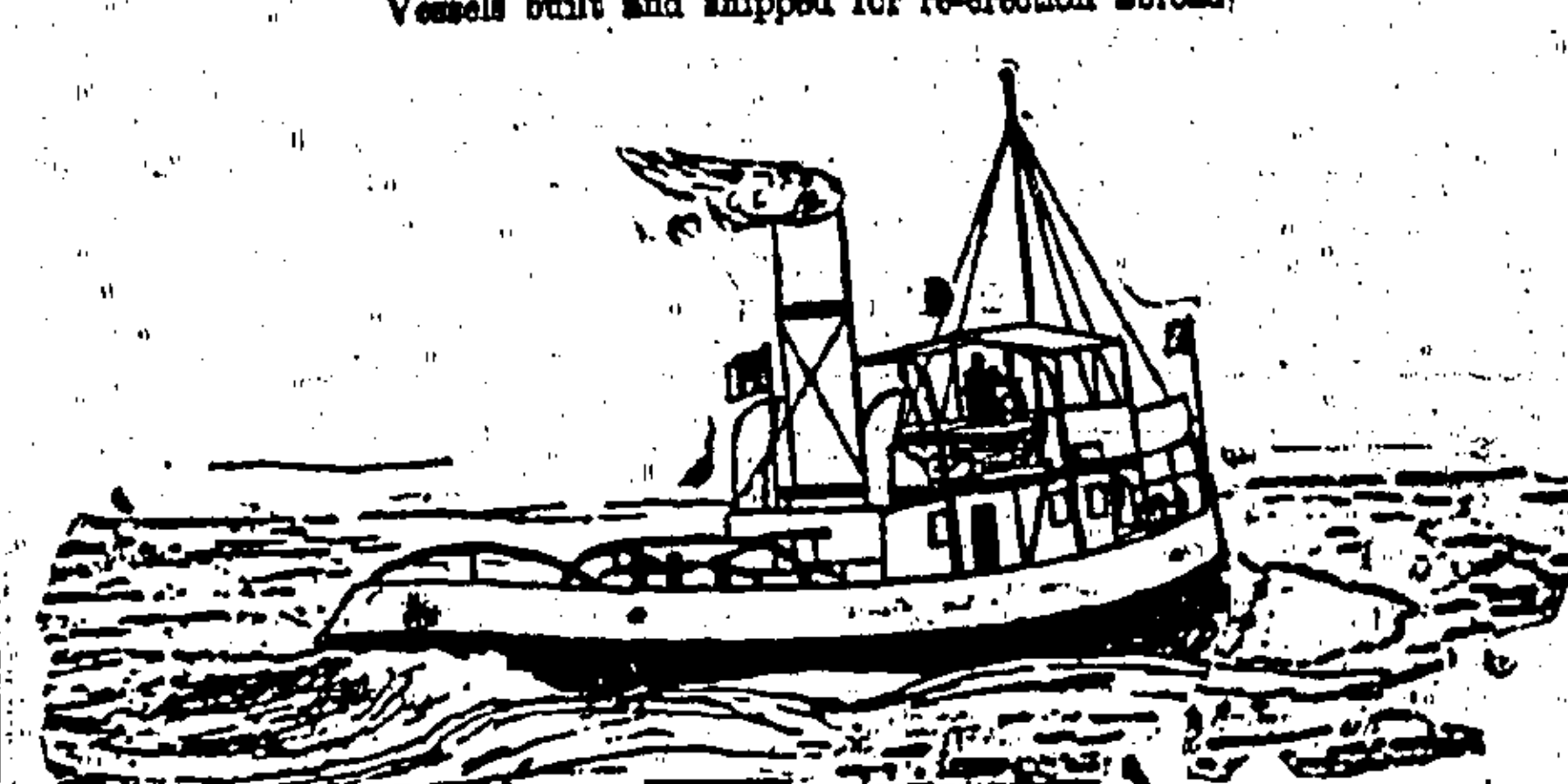
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"ALFORD"	8,272	15th Aug.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	8,841	22nd Aug.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	8,812	28th Aug.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	7th Sept.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DONGOLA"	8,056	21st Sept.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUHAN"	8,687	28th Sept.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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"KALYAN"	9,668	2nd Nov.	Port, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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1924.

"MACEDONIA"	11,089	25th Jan.	(MARSEILLES & LONDON via Usual Ports of Call)
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"KARMALA"	9,668	7th March	do.
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"EASTERN"	4,000	7th Aug.	Yokohama.
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"SICILIA"	8,812	15th Aug.	Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 1st Aug., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 1st Aug., Noon
SHANGHAI	"CHUSAN"	On 1st Aug., Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 1st Aug., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 1st Aug., 4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & NEWCHANG	"PAKHUI"	On 1st Aug., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"YINGCHOW"	On 1st Aug., 4 p.m.
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